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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

BIN-SHING CHEN

SERIAL NO.: 09/769,576

FILED: January 25, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
SPLIT-GATE EEPROM MEMORY
CELL AND STRUCTURE FORMED
THEREBY

Group Art Unit 2811

Examiner Thien F. Tran

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


This paper is a response to the Office Action mailed on December 6, 2000. In that action, the examiner identifies two distinct inventions, and requires restriction of this application to one of those two categories.

The applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's requirement and asserts that the subject matter of the two groups is interrelated such that a complete search for full and proper consideration of patentability would be substantially, if not completely, overlapping. However, should the examiner maintain the requirement, the applicant provisionally elects claims 11-14.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

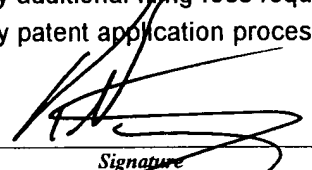
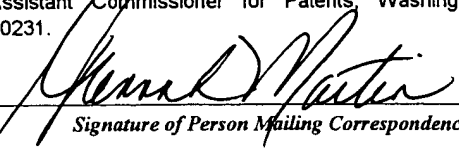


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. 3308	
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Invention: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SPLIT-GATE EEPROM MEMORY CELL AND STRUCTURE FORMED THEREBY					
TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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